



November 1, 2021

Shri Piyush Goyal
Minister of Commerce & Industry
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
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Dear Minister Goyal,

On behalf of the U.S. pulse crop industry, we appreciate the opportunity for Senator Daines to deliver this request for your consideration. We very much hope to have increased trade that is mutually beneficial for U.S. pulse crop producers and the people of India. The U.S. pulse crop industry noted the actions taken by the Government of India earlier this year to reduce the import tariffs on U.S. lentils (Masur Dal) from 55% to 33%. However, there remains a differential between the tariffs imposed on U.S. lentils compared to lentils from other origins. To compete for the Indian market, U.S. pulse growers, processors and exporters need a tariff that is equal to all other origins. We ask that you strongly consider equalizing access for U.S. lentils to the India market.

We also ask for your consideration to work toward the removal of U.S. green peas from the Government of India's restricted import list. In January 2020, the Government of India changed the ITC HS code separating yellow peas (HS0713.10.10), green peas (HS0713.10.20), and other peas (HS0713.10.90) into three separate HS Codes. At present the Government of India places an annual import quota of 1.5 million metric tons dry peas imported into the country. All dry pea imports are subject to a Minimum Import Price (MIP) of Rs.200 (US\$2.69) above CIF per kilogram. We urge the Government of India to remove the import restrictions and the Minimum Import Price on green peas.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim McGreevy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim McGreevy
CEO, USADPLC/APA